

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2011

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 4 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Disapprove Closure of Dorothea Dix Hospital.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Weiss, Ross, and Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES	\$69M-\$83.5M (depending on the patient capacity level and services to be provided at Dorothea Dix Hospital).				
POSITIONS (cumulative):	No estimate Available.				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Division of State Operated Facilities				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	When bill becomes law.				

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill disapproves the closure of Dorothea Dix Hospital by the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

- There is not currently a budget or an appropriation for the operation of Dorothea Dix Hospital.
- The amount of funds needed to reopen Dorothea Dix Hospital depends on the level and amount of services the General Assembly desires at this facility.
 - In FY2009-10, total requirements for Dorothea Dix Hospital operations were \$83M and in FY2010-11 total requirements are approximately \$34M. The reduced cost in FY2010-11 is due to the transfer of patient beds to two other state psychiatric hospitals.
 - During FY2009-10, Dorothea Dix Hospital provided service capacity for 60 Adult Admission Beds, 41 Adult Long-Term Beds, 54 Forensic Medium/Maximum and Pre-Trial Beds, 30 Forensic Minimum Beds, and outpatient units. Currently, the 30

Forensic Minimum Beds are still located on the Dorothea Dix Complex, managed by Central Regional Hospital and these are the only beds still operational at the complex. Additionally, the outpatient units are operated on the campus by Central Regional Hospital.

- The other state operated psychiatric hospitals' FY2010-11 budgets are the following:
 - \$69M - Cherry Hospital, capacity of 241 patients
 - \$75.6M - Broughton Hospital, capacity of 278 patients
 - \$133.8M - Central Regional Hospital, capacity of 396

- Since this bill does not specify at what capacity level the Dorothea Dix Hospital would be operational; the range for the cost estimate is based upon Dorothea Dix hospital's expenditures with the capacity at the FY2009-10 level (last full year of operations), as a maximum of funds required. The bottom range is based upon the budget for the state hospital with the least capacity (Cherry Hospital).

SOURCES OF DATA:

*Plan for Closure of Dorothea Dix Hospital, November 2010, by DHHS to the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
March 9, 2011, email correspondence with Division of State Operated Facilities on total expenditures for Dorothea Dix Hospital
Office of State Budget and Management Report - BD301, fund code 1230 – Central Hospital*

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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